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(Beau Geste)

For Soldiers of Fortune

"Soldiers of Fortune, attention! Rise again, fight again—for American cash!—if selected."

So began an ad in yesterday's Public Notices columns in The Times. It went on to say that former members of the French Foreign Legion were wanted to "fight with Beau Geste at Fort Zinderneuf. . . Send brief biography, photo and proof..."

The ad—it's the first of two—is part of a nationwide search by Universal Pictures for former Legionnaires for possible use in connection with its forthcoming production of Percival

Christopher Wren's novel, "Beau Geste."

Preliminary research, according to the producer, Walter Seltzer, disclosed that there were more than 500 Americans "somewhere in the United States who had fought and served with the Legion in the Sahara."

So far, the search, which began in the West during the New York newspaper strike, has turned up 68 Legionnaires, 30 in the Los Angeles area. Among them are a former international lawyer, a carpenter, an electronics engineer, two hotel executives, an owner of an art gallery, an owner of a restaurant, an international market consultant, a waiter and a frozen food company executive.

Also, a scientist in Florida and a priest in Wisconsin.